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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES 1971

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: EMBASSY OFFICER MET FEBRUARY 24 WITH MESSRS

TECHNER AND FRAMBACH OF THE LEGAL AND TREATIES

DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING

POSSIBLE GDR RATIFICATION OF SUBJECT CONVENTION.

IN MAKING PRESENTATION EMBASSY OFFICER POINTED

OUT OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALIST STATES

HAD RATIFIED CONVENTION AND

PROSPECTS FOR EARLY RATIFICATION BY USSR, BYELORUSSIA S.S.R.

AND UKRANIAN S.S.R. APPEARED GOOD.

EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED PROGRESS WHICH USG HAS MADE IN

BRINGING MATTER BEFORE THE US CONGRESS AND EXPRESSED HOPE

THAT US RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION WAS POSSIBLE DURING

CURRENT CONGRESS.

2. TECHNER RESPONDED THAT INTERNAL COORDINATION WITH

REGARD TO POSSIBLE GDR RATIFICATION WAS IN PROCESS AND

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THAT IT WAS EXPECTED THAT A DECISION ON THE MATTER

COULD BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE MANY GOVERNMENT BRANCHES INVOLVED IN THIS SUBJECT AND THAT RATIFICATION HAD BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR BROAD INTERNAL COORDINATION. TECHNER OFFERED TO CALL THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS THE DECISION ABOUT RATIFICATION HAD BEEN MADE.

3. DURING CONVERSATION IT WAS STATED THAT THE GDR HAS NOT YET RATIFIED THE 1961 SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS BUT THAT IT WAS IN PROCESS OF REACHING DECISION ABOUT RATIFICATION OF THIS CONVENTIONALSO. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT CERTAIN PARTS OF THE 1961 CONVENTION WOULD SUPERCEDE THE GDR'S ACCEPTANCE IN ALL OR IN PART OF OTHER MUCH EARLIER CONVENTIONS CONCLUDED BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS OF ALL GERMANY. FRAMBACH NOTED THAT THE 1925 ACCEPTANCE OF THE OPIUM CONVENTION BY THE THEN WEIMAR GOVERMENT HAD BEEN ACCEDED TO IN THE LATE 1950'S BY THE GDR. HE ALSO MENTIONED TWO OR THREE OTHER CONVENTIONS TO WHICH PREVIOUS GERMAN GOVERNMENTS HAD ACCEDED AND WHICH THE GDR ALSO HAD ACCEPTED. TECHNER NOTED FINALLY THAT ALL OF THESE ACCEPTANCES HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE LATE 1950'S WHEN THEY HAD BEEN MADE AND HAD BEEN REPEATED A YEAR AND A HALF AGO TO THE UN WHEN THE GDR BECAME A MEMBER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: THE MEETING WITH THE TWO LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES
OF MFAA WENT SMOOTHLY AND THERE WAS AN APPARENT DESIRE TO BE COOPERATIVE. FRAMBACH HAS JUST RETURNED TO BERLIN AFTER HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE EAST GERMAN TEAM IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULAR NEGOTIAITIONS. HE OBVIOUSLY RETURNED WITH A GOOD OPINION OF THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS AND OF HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTIONBOTH TECHNER AND FRAMBACH INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE ON OTHER LEGAL MATTERS WHICH MIGHT COME UP, E.G. LAW OF THE SEA. IT APPEARS THAT IN CERTAIN LEGAL SUBJECTS THERE IS SOME COMMON GROUND FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND GDR

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GOVERNMENTS WHERE OUR INTERESTS SEEM TO BE THE SAME. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USECOOPER

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